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1. THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED DURING PINOCHET'S VISIT (REFTEL) STATED THE INTENTION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT CHARGED THE URUGUAYAN/CHILEAN COORDINATING COMMISSION WITH DEVELOPING LONG-TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS BETWEEN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS MISSIONS, ESTABLISHING BINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, AND DEVELOPING COMMON POLICIES. THE PRESIDENTS ALSO AGREED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC COOPERATION (COMPLEMENTATION) AGREEMENTS UNDER LAFTA.

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2. TO PUT SOME FLESH ON THESE LOFTY WORDS, CHILE AGREED, THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, TO BUY 15,000 TONS OF URUGUAYAN WHEAT THIS YEAR, AND SIMILAR QUANTITIES IN THE FUTURE. PRICES AND DELIVERY REMAIN TO BE NEGOTIATED. GIVEN COMPETITIVE OFFERS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO GRANT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO BILATERAL PURCHASES OF A SHORT LIST OF PROJECTS FROM EACH OTHER. FOR CHILEAN PURCHASES, THIS INCLUDES RICE, LIMESTONE AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO MAKE RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS OF FREE-ZONE FACILITIES AND CUSTOMS WAREHOUSES. ALL THESE PLANS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE JOINT COORDINATING COMMISSION, WHICH WILL ENSURE AN "ABSOLUTE EQUILIBRIUM" OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

3. COMMENT: THESE NOT VERY SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS ARE EVIDENTLY INTENDED TO AT LEAST PROVIDE SOME ECONOMIC CLOTHING TO THE BASICALLY POLITICAL APPROACH THAT THE PINOCHET VISIT SYMBOLIZED. HAAHR

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